

ACTION ITEMS FROM Variable Message Format (VMF) Test and Evaluation Working Groups (TEWGs)

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| 03-1/2 | S/As | This action item tasked the S/As to <i>submit copies</i> of their Data Extraction Reduction Guides (<u>DERGs</u>) to JITC. Once collected, JITC will send out examples of each DERG output to each TEWG member for review. The best DERG format to use for future use will be discussed at the next TEWG. STATUS: CLOSED. A separate DERG working group will be established to discuss DERG issues. | |
| 03-1/3 | TEWG | This action item tasked the TEWG to <i>provide input</i> on what should be in Appendix D of the upcoming VMF Military Standard (MIL-STD). Appendix D is the <u>implementation database</u> for the message format. This would provide a standardized way of presenting VMF implementation data. STATUS: CLOSED. JITC asked for more input from the Services on how they annotate their VMF requirements from a message, case, and field level. Refer to AI 03-3/6. | |
| 03-1/4 | S/As | This action item tasked the S/As to <i>review</i> the Draft VMF TEWG <u>Terms of Reference</u> and provide comments to JITC. STATUS: CLOSED | 7/04 - JITC expanded/revised TEWG Mission Statement. S/As provided no comments and agreed to close at JITC VMF TEWG teleconference held Wednesday, 30 June 2004. |
| 03-1/5 | GMD | This action item tasked the Ground-based Missile Defense (GMD) group to <i>review</i> its Draft Concept of Operations (<u>CONOPS</u>) and provide to JITC if appropriate. STATUS: CLOSED | |
| 03-1/7 | CTSF | This action item tasked CTSF to <i>determine</i> if the Army VMF <u>test schedule can be published</u> on the CTSF website. STATUS: CLOSED. The CTSF test schedule is an overall certification test schedule, not just VMF. | |
| 03-1/9 | USAF | This action item tasked the USAF representative to <i>provide</i> a service level <u>briefing</u> at the next TEWG. STATUS: CLOSED | |
| 03-1/10 | JITC | This action item tasked JITC to <i>report</i> on the <u>TLDHS-FA18 VMF certification</u> at the next TEWG. STATUS: CLOSED | |

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| 03-1/11 | JITC | This action item tasked JITC to <i>determine</i> if exercises such as <u>DICE</u> can be leveraged to test communications threads in support of system certification. STATUS: CLOSED . This analysis falls under JITC's systems certification approach. | |
| 03-1/16 | MDA and JITC | This action item tasked MDA and JITC to <i>determine</i> if an <u>MOA</u> is required. STATUS: CLOSED | |
| 03-1/17 | JITC | This action item tasked JITC to <i>develop</i> a broad outline of its VMF <u>test approach</u> . STATUS: CLOSED . | 7-04 – JITC is presently developing VMF Master Test Procedures (MTP). JITC will continue to provide updates and status of this development as available. |
| 03-2/1 | CTSF | This action item tasked the CTSF will brief on data collection and data simulation/stimulation (C3 Driver) at the next TEWG. CLOSED | |
| 03-2/4 | CTSF | This action item tasked the CTSF to provide a briefing at the next TEWG on how the Army regulates/organizes/manages the Tactical Internet (upper and lower). CLOSED | |
| 03-2/7 | CTSF | This action item tasked the CTSF to determine if their facilities were available to host the next VMF TEWG from August 12-14, 2003. CLOSED | |
| 03-3/4 | JITC | JITC will develop a white paper to address JITC's methodology for standards conformance testing. CLOSED | |

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| 03-3/6 | JITC, Services | JITC will refine its approach for a standardized DERG format. This requires Service agreement on the need to implement a standardized DERG and the recommended DERG format. CLOSED. JITC will develop an XML-based DERG for its use. Other organizations, if desired, could then take this DERG and use as is or modify as needed for their use. | |
| 03-1/1 | (S/As) | This action item tasked the Services/Agencies (S/As) to <i>determine</i> and brief by the next VMF TEWG (03-2) the actual number of VMF <u>joint interfaces</u> that currently exist or will be established in the next 3-5 years. STATUS: CLOSED. | 4/04 – The following AIs have been consolidated into a new AI (04-2/1); 03-1//1/12/15, 2/5, 3/3 |
| 03-3/3 | JITC | JITC will update the VMF capable systems listing based on inputs from the USA and USMC. STATUS: CLOSED. | 4/04 – The following AIs have been consolidated into a new AI (04-2/1); 03-1//1/12/15, 2/5, 3/3 |

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| 03-1/12 | <p>S/As</p> <p>Modified to USAF/ USMC/ USA</p> <p>Modified to expand requested information</p> | <p>This action item tasked the S/As to <i>provide</i> the following VMF system <u>requirements</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint/intra-service implementation • Joint interfaces (if applicable) • Functional area(s) • Type of testing (interoperability, standards conformance) • Projected Test Schedule (Service-level and joint testing) • Message Standard Baseline (TIDP Reissue) • VMF Messages supported/implementation details • System POCs • Joint Staff approval status of I-KPPs and IERs <p>STATUS: CLOSED.</p> | <p>4/04 – The following AIs have been consolidated into a new AI (04-2/1);</p> <p>03-1//1/12/15, 2/5, 3/3</p> |
| 03-1/15 | S/As | <p>This action item tasked the Services to <i>provide</i> JITC with their joint architecture/service-level <u>architecture</u>.</p> <p>STATUS: CLOSED.</p> | <p>4/04 – The following AIs have been consolidated into a new AI (04-2/1);</p> <p>03-1//1/12/15, 2/5, 3/3</p> |
| 03-2/5 | JITC | <p>This action item tasked JITC to consolidate system architecture information provided as a result of AI 03-1/15.</p> <p>STATUS: CLOSED.</p> | <p>4/04 – The following AIs have been consolidated into a new AI (04-2/1);</p> <p>03-1//1/12/15, 2/5, 3/3</p> |

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| 03-1/8 | JITC | This action item tasked JITC to <i>coordinate</i> with NFCS for <u>system certification</u> . STATUS: CLOSED . | 4-04 – JITC assigned task to support NFCS for VMF and GCCS SCT and IOP. NFCS falls under JITC's system certification approach, but an ICEP has not been developed for this system. JITC has initiated coordination with USN for ICEP development. Note: Initial SCT and IOP testing will provide an Assessment since the NFCS doesn't presently have Joint approved requirements. This NFCS Phase I limited testing (assessment) will not include an ICEP, although future testing will likely necessitate the development of an ICEP. Updates of on-going testing will be provided by JITC as available. |
| 03-1/13 | NCTSI and the PM-Comanche Modified to delete PM-Comanche and add CECOM | This action item tasked NCTSI and the PM-Comanche to <i>provide</i> JITC with <u>ICDs</u> for NFCS, AFATDS, and <u>Comanche</u> (MOAs like ICDs). STATUS: CLOSED . | 4-04 – NCSTI provided ICDs for NFCS and AFATDS. Requirement for Comanche ICD/MOAs has been dropped. |
| 03-3/5 | JITC | JITC will define the requirements and format for the VMF Master Test Procedure. STATUS: CLOSED . | 4-04 – This AI was answered by AI 03-1/17. |
| 04-1/1 | JITC | JITC will review the status of DoDD 4630.5 and 4630.8 to determine if they are still in draft or have been formally approved. STATUS: CLOSED . | 4-04 – These documents are still drafts and once they have been approved notice will be provided. |

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| 04-1/2 | JITC | JITC will provide the password for the web site to allow access to ICEP examples. STATUS: CLOSED. | 4-04 – This AI was answered by AI 03-3/1. |
| 04-1/4 | JITC | JITC will provide an updated version of its Standards Conformance Testing White Paper, and provide it to the Services for their review/comment. STATUS: CLOSED. | 4-04 – JITC provided to services for their review and comment along with the recap of discussions from the JITC VMF TEWG teleconference 04-2. 7-04 – No comments were received and all agreed to close this AI. |
| 04-1/6 | USA | USA will identify existing joint representation at software blocking venues. STATUS: CLOSED. | 4-04 – The USA representative provided this information verbally during the April 2004 JITC VMF TEWG, but stated he would follow-up with an email to all confirming this information. This AI will be closed upon receipt of the confirmation email from the USA representative. 7-04 – The USA representative, Steve Turczyn , agreed to provide an email answering this AI. PROVIDED. |

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| 04-1/12 | USA | <p>USA will provide definitions of preparation/execution/fielding as used in their Software Blocking Process.</p> <p>STATUS: CLOSED.</p> | <p>4-04 – The USA representative provided this information verbally during the April 2004 JITC VMF TEWG, but stated he would follow-up with an email to all confirming this information. This AI will be closed upon receipt of the confirmation email from the USA representative.</p> <p>7-04 – The USA representative, Steve Turczyn, agreed to provide an email answering this AI. PROVIDED.</p> |
| 04-1/11 | JITC | <p>JITC will establish the procedures for a monthly teleconference process to discuss TEWG issues and status of Action Items. Tentatively looking at Wed AM for the timeframe.</p> <p>STATUS: CLOSED.</p> | <p>4-04 – JITC outlined the procedures for the JITC VMF TEWG teleconferences during the Wednesday, 21 April 2004 teleconference. Procedures included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assignment of tentative teleconference dates. Last Wednesday of each month. - JITC will provide an announcement email with a proposed agenda, listing of AIs, and teleconference time, date, and telephone bridge number information. - JITC will provide an email summary of discussions and updated action items. |
| 04-1/13 | JITC | <p>JITC will establish a date and time for a monthly teleconference to update the TEWG on the status of Action Items.</p> <p>STATUS: CLOSED.</p> | Closed. Same as 04-1/11. |